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### **Digital Storytelling Station to be Showcased at Central Library**

*Project is Part of the "BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices & Community Stories Program"*

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library, in cooperation with the Media Arts Center of San Diego, will host a Digital Community Storytelling Station in Room A of the Arts, Music & Recreation section of the Central Library from April 3 through June 30.

The public is invited to participate in the program and have their unique stories recorded. Community storytelling makes use of a wide range of different types of stories and themes to explore and build local community. These stories can include personal and family stories, stories from local history; stories about local successes; contemporary stories about the local environment, characters or problems; traditional stories from cultural groups; stories of disadvantaged groups; and, folk tales and fairy tales.

Digital storytelling tells a story created in a digital format, most often by using a computer. By integrating a variety of digital media – including audio, video, pictures, and images, the storytellers of tomorrow create digital stories that can be watched on television monitors, computers, handheld computing devices, as well as gaming devices. As digital information, these stories can be easily stored, archived, transferred, or manipulated.

This project is part of "BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices & Community Stories," a one-year digital storytelling project that will help sustain, support, celebrate and maintain community identity and pride in an area that is widely regarded as a spiritual center for Latino civic engagement. However, residents of all San Diego communities are welcome to participate. The project is funded by the California State Library.

A representative from the Media Arts Center of San Diego will be on site between the hours of 6 to 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, to demonstrate the Digital Community Storytelling Station. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

For more information please contact Lynn Whitehouse at (619) 236-5821 or the Media Arts Center of San Diego at (619) 230-1938.

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